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Goods and Services

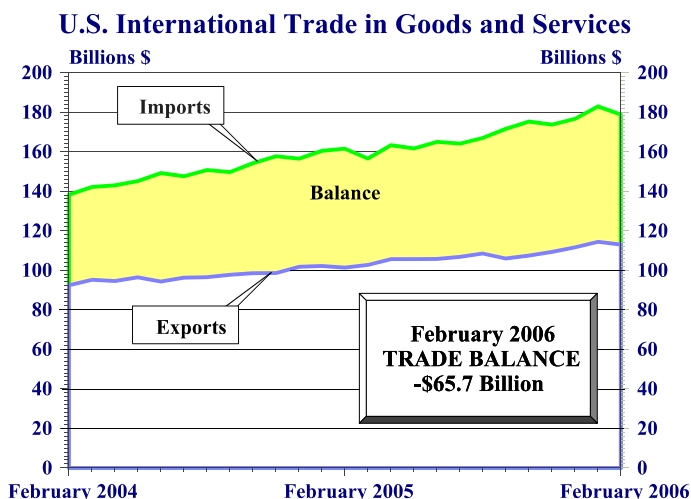
The U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, through the Department of Commerce, announced today that total February exports of **\$113.0 billion** and imports of **\$178.7 billion** resulted in a goods and services deficit of **\$65.7 billion**, \$2.8 billion less than the \$68.6 billion in January, revised. February exports were \$1.3 billion less than January exports of \$114.3 billion. February imports were \$4.2 billion less than January imports of \$182.9 billion.

In February, the goods deficit decreased \$3.5 billion from January to \$70.1 billion, and the services surplus decreased \$0.6 billion to \$4.3 billion. Exports of goods decreased \$1.1 billion to \$80.5 billion, and imports of goods decreased \$4.6 billion to \$150.5 billion. Exports of services decreased \$0.2 billion to \$32.5 billion, and imports of services increased \$0.4 billion to \$28.2 billion.

In February, the goods and services deficit was up \$5.6 billion from February 2005. Exports were up \$11.7 billion, or 11.5 percent, and imports were up \$17.3 billion, or 10.7 percent.

Goods

The January to February change in exports of goods reflected decreases in *foods, feeds, and beverages* (\$0.3 billion);



capital goods (\$0.3 billion); *industrial supplies and materials* (\$0.2 billion); *automotive vehicles, parts, and engines* (\$0.2 billion); *other goods* (\$0.1 billion); and *consumer goods* (\$0.1 billion).

The January to February change in imports of goods reflected decreases in *capital goods* (\$1.5 billion); *automotive vehicles, parts, and engines* (\$1.3 billion); *consumer goods* (\$0.9 billion); *other goods* (\$0.4 billion); *foods, feeds, and beverages* (\$0.3 billion); and *industrial supplies and materials* (\$0.2 billion).

NOTE: Total goods data are reported on a Balance of Payments basis; commodity and country detail data for goods are on a Census basis. For information on data sources and definitions, see the information section on page 27 of this release, or at www.census.gov/ft900 or www.bea.gov/bea/di/home/trade.htm. The next FT-900 release is May 12, 2006.

The February 2005 to February 2006 change in exports of goods reflected increases in *capital goods* (\$4.9 billion); *industrial supplies and materials* (\$2.1 billion); *automotive vehicles, parts, and engines* (\$1.2 billion); *consumer goods* (\$0.9 billion); *foods, feeds, and beverages* (\$0.5 billion); and *other goods* (\$0.4 billion).

The February 2005 to February 2006 change in imports of goods reflected increases in *industrial supplies and materials* (\$10.2 billion); *capital goods* (\$2.7 billion); *automotive vehicles, parts, and engines* (\$1.6 billion); *foods, feeds, and beverages* (\$0.6 billion); and *other goods* (\$0.5 billion). A decrease occurred in *consumer goods* (\$0.1 billion).

Services

Services exports decreased \$0.2 billion from January to February. The decrease reflected decreases in *travel* (\$0.2 billion) and *other transportation*, which includes freight and port services (\$0.1 billion). Changes in other categories of services exports were small.

Services imports increased \$0.4 billion from January to February. *Royalties and license fees* increased \$0.6 billion; it includes payments for the rights to broadcast the 2006 Winter Olympic Games. *Other transportation* decreased \$0.2 billion and *travel* decreased \$0.1 billion. Changes in other categories of services imports were small.

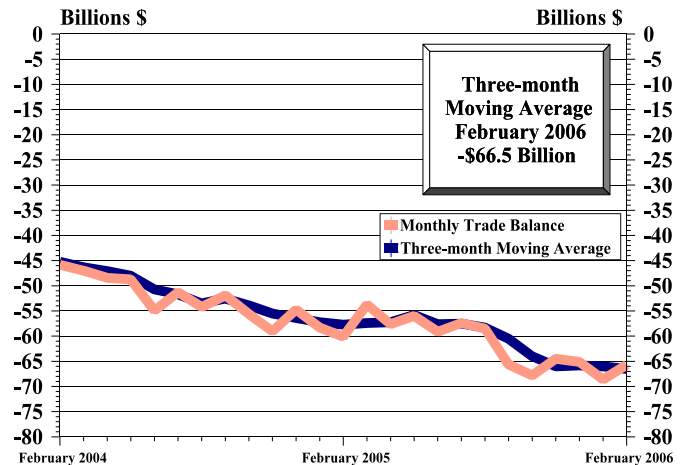
From February 2005 to February 2006, services exports increased \$1.8 billion. The largest increases were in *other private services*, which includes items such as business, professional, and technical services, insurance services, and financial services (\$1.0 billion), *other transportation* (\$0.5 billion), and *travel* (\$0.4 billion).

From February 2005 to February 2006, services imports increased \$1.9 billion. The largest increases were in *other private services* (\$1.0 billion) and *royalties and license fees* (\$0.6 billion).

Goods and Services Moving Average

For the three months ending in February, exports of goods and services averaged \$113.0 billion, while imports of goods and services averaged \$179.4 billion, resulting in an average trade deficit of \$66.5 billion. For the three months ending in January, the average trade deficit was \$66.0 billion, reflecting average exports of \$111.7 billion and average imports of \$177.7 billion.

Trade Balances



Selected Not Seasonally Adjusted Goods Details

The February figures showed surpluses, in billions of dollars, with Australia \$0.7 (\$0.9 for January), Hong Kong \$0.6 (\$0.5), Singapore \$0.5 (\$0.3), and Egypt \$0.1 (\$0.1). Deficits were recorded, in billions of dollars, with China \$13.8 (\$17.9), Europe \$9.8 (\$11.7), the European Union \$8.3 (\$9.7), OPEC \$7.3 (\$8.4), Canada \$7.2 (\$8.9), Japan \$7.1 (\$6.5), Mexico \$4.7 (\$4.6), Korea \$1.2 (\$1.3), Taiwan \$1.0 (\$1.6), and Brazil \$0.6 (\$0.6).

Advanced technology products (ATP) exports were \$18.4 billion in February and imports were \$19.8 billion, resulting in a deficit of \$1.4 billion. February exports were \$0.1 billion more than the \$18.3 billion in January, while imports were \$1.9 billion less than the \$21.7 billion in January.

Revisions

Goods carry-over in February was \$0.4 billion (0.5 percent) for exports and \$1.2 billion (0.9 percent) for imports. For January, revised export carry-over was \$0.2 billion (0.3 percent), revised down from \$0.5 billion (0.7 percent). For January, revised import carry-over was \$0.2 billion (0.1 percent), revised down from \$1.0 billion (0.7 percent).

Services exports for January were revised up \$0.1 billion to \$32.7 billion. The revision was mostly accounted for by upward revisions in *travel* and *passenger fares*. Services imports for January were virtually unchanged at \$27.8 billion.

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